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CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 4, 2022

Mr. Tim Hardy
Ingalls Shipbuilding, Inc.
501 Ingalls Avenue
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567

Dear Mr. Hardy:

Re: Ingalls Shipbuilding, Comynie
Bayou Pier and Kayak Launch
Jackson County
COE No. SAM202100418MGS
WQC No. WQC2021023

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U. S. C. 1251, 1341), the Office of Pollution Control (OPC) issues this Certification, after public notice and opportunity for public hearing, Ingalls Shipbuilding, Inc., an applicant for a Federal License or permit to conduct the following activity:

Ingalls Shipbuilding, Comynie Bayou Pier and Kayak Launch: The purpose of the project is for the development of recreational structures at the south edge of Walker Yard Park and north edge of Comynie Bayou. The proposed project would construct a dual boat ramp with finger piers, temporary coffer dams, and kayak launch that would be located at 2607 Front Street within Walker Yard Park. The applicant proposes to construct a dual ramp with finger piers (6 feet by 55 feet) on each side and within the middle of the two 20-foot wide boat ramps. The coffer dam would be set in place to allow for 610 cubic yards of limestone, 350 cubic yards of which would be placed below mean high tide to form the base of the ramp and pier. The work would also include the construction of a kayak launch (20 feet by 34 feet) at the end of an access pier (5 feet by 24 feet) on the west side of the boat ramp within unvegetated water bottoms. This project is located in Comynie Bayou near discharge to Pascagoula River, Jackson County, Mississippi.
[SAM202100418MGS, WQC2021023].

The Office of Pollution Control certifies that the above-described activity will be in compliance with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and Section 49-17-29 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, if the applicant complies with the following conditions:

1. Fill material shall be clean and non-polluting, free of trash, debris, asphalt, etc. (Statement B) (11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, R. 1.1.1.B., 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, R. 1.3.4.B(7))
2. Turbidity outside the limits of a 750-foot mixing zone shall not exceed the ambient turbidity by more than 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units. (Statement A) (11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, R. 2.2.A(3))
3. No sewage, oil, refuse, or other pollutants shall be discharged into the watercourse. (Statement A) (11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 6, R. 2.2.A)

As part of the Scope of Review for Application Decisions, 11 Mississippi Administrative Code Part 6, Rule 1.3.4(B), the above conditions are necessary for the Department to ensure that appropriate measures will be taken to eliminate unreasonable degradation and irreparable harm to waters of the State, such that the activity will not meet the criteria for denial:

- (A) The proposed activity permanently alters the aquatic ecosystem such that water quality criteria are violated and/or it no longer supports its existing or classified uses. An example is the channelization of streams.
- (B) The proposed activity in conjunction with other activities may result in adverse cumulative impacts.

The Office of Pollution Control also certifies that there are no limitations under Section 302 nor standards under Sections 306 and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act which are applicable to the applicant's above-described activity.

This certification is valid for the project as proposed. Any deviations without proper modifications and/or approvals may result in a violation of the 401 Water Quality Certification. If you have any questions, please contact Montie Hardaway Glenn at (601) 961-5596.

Sincerely,



Krystal Rudolph, P.E., BCEE
Chief, Environmental Permits Division

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cc: Philip Hegji, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
Jennifer Wilder, Department of Marine Resources
Paul Necaie, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Molly Martin, Environmental Protection Agency
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